

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 421
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Tommie and Tommy Hart on the fiftieth anniversary of Hart's Cleaners.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud to especially recognize exemplary businesses that have served their customers and communities with extraordinary diligence and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Hart's Cleaners has served the residents of Newbern, Tennessee admirably since September 15, 1947; and

WHEREAS, originally named the Newbern Cleaners, the business was started by Ike Hart, Sr. and Mary Frances Hart; and

WHEREAS, the business has remained family-owned, with Ike Hart, Jr. joining his parents in the cleaning business and present owner Tommy Hart working on a part-time basis while attending college; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, the family moved the business to the downtown Newbern area, renaming the business Hart's Cleaners. Ike and Tommy managed the business with valuable assistance from their helpful mother; and

WHEREAS, competition in the cleaning business has always been tough, but in the end, Hart's won over strong competition because of their excellent service and the fact that they care about their customers and seek to cater to their needs; and

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WHEREAS, approximately 25 years ago, Hart's purchased Townsend Cleaners; and

WHEREAS, Tommie joined her husband in the business when she made pickups and deliveries to the branches. In 1983, she joined him on a full-time basis when the business reverted back to the true "mom and pop" operations it is today; and Mrs. Ike Hart, Sr. died in 1965, but Mrs. Mary Frances Hart has been a lasting influence on the business, continuing to work there part-time until recently; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause to specially recognize this notable business on their Golden anniversary; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Tommie and Tommy Hart on the fiftieth anniversary of Hart's Cleaners, wishing them much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.